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New Roof Coming for Historic General Vallejo Home, Sonoma State Historic Park

(SONOMA, Calif.).— A project to build a new roof for the historic General Vallejo Home of Sonoma State Historic Park is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 2nd. The site will remain open daily during normal park hours, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Visitors should expect impacts typical of a construction site, such as increased noise from equipment operation, more airborne dust than usual, and curtailed access. Every effort will be made to keep as much of the Vallejo Home and grounds available for touring during the project, which is scheduled to be completed later this spring.

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo was influential in the development of Sonoma and what was then, the new U.S. state of California. He was the Military Commander and Director of Colonization of the Northern Frontier (of Mexico), State Senator and a promoter of California's agricultural potential.

In 1850 General Vallejo purchased the land where he built his family home. The Vallejo Home is a beautiful Gothic-style American-Victorian house that began as a prefabricated wooden structure manufactured in the northeast, and shipped around Cape Horn to California. In 1933 the home was acquired by the State in order to protect and preserve the historic site.

The funding for the project is available through AB 1478 which among other things provided funding to address critical needs throughout the State Parks System and to ensure parks remain open during the 2012/13 and 2013/14 fiscal years.

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